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as in the sum of \$23,185,22, and not in the sum of \$18,000, as the full amount of \$23,135,22 was and is necessary for the completion of the said

Therefore, I e it resolved, by the board of county commissioners of DeSoto county, Florida, that special DeSoto County Drainage Bonds for DeSoto Drainage District No. 10, issue for the full amount of \$23,136.22. as provided by law.

Be it further resolved. That no cember of the board of county commissioners who is a member of the speial drainage board shall draw a enlary, pay or per diem, or receive any remuneration whatsoever for any service he may or has rendered in consection with the said special dealnage district No. 10, DeSete county, Florida

Tuesday, October 3rd, 1916.

The board reconvened with Chairman Whitchuret presiding, and all dissloners present, and none ab-

By motion, second and carried, W. These are world-shaking events, in J. Strickland, of Wauchula. was placed on the pauper list at \$5 per

> Upon motion of W. M. Whitten, nded and duly carried, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, The Constitutionality of some of the provisions of chapter 6999 and the campaign, owing to the ex- of the special acts of the legislature traordinary character of the times, of Florida of 1915 has been called in question, and it is expected will soon be decided by litigation now pending.

It is therefore ordered, That in the matter of the petition of George W. Gatewood and others for drainage in the Bermont district, further proceed subscription price is only \$1 per year, ings be postconed until the regular meeting of this board in November,

Motion was made by Commissioner er Whitten, that the petitions present ed by citizens and free holders in the territory following, to-wit:

Begin at the southeast corner of township 38, south, of range 30, east, and run thence north along the range line to Lake Istopoga, run thence in a northwesterly direction along the shore of said lake to its intersection ship 35, range 30, and township 36, range 30, run thence west along the said township line to Peace river, run thence in a southwesterly direction along the sail Peace river to its intersection with the township line between township 38, range 24, and township 39, range 24, run thence east to the point of beginning, all lying and being in the county of DeSoto and state of Florida, to have said territory constituted into a special road and bridge district, of said county, and to call an election to determine whether the same should be so constituted, for the purpose of constructing and maintaining certain permanent roads and bridges in said petitions described, at an estimated cost of eighty thousand dollars, to be paid by the levy and collection of a special road and bridge tax, as set forth in the petitions, be filfied and take their regular ourse as required by law. And that the said petitions be referred to a committee of commissioners to investigate the facts and find and determine whether the same have been duly signed by the required number of registered voters who are free holders residing within the said territory and report their findings to the board at its regular meeting in November, 1916 Motion announced and upon vote

The chair then referred the petition a Commissioners W. G. Welles and

The hour having arrived, bids for furnishing marl or shell on sections 2 and 3 of division 1 of the Punta Goragrapher from landing a solar plex- da special road and bridge district, us now and then.

A. P. Hatch, J. E. Van Camp and C. L. Willis, Cornwall Construction Adam Silcox and A. W. Laufer filed blds.

Consideration of same was postponed until at a later time at this meet ing of the board.

Tax collector filed his report, Treasurer filed his report. Sheriff filed his repor

Wednesday, October 4th.

By motion, seconded and carried Catherine Hamilton was placed or the pauper list at \$5 per mouth, and J. Tooks and children was also placed on said pumper list at \$10 per month.

L. G. Burton, attorney for Willie Williams and others, appeared before board, and withdrew the petition filed at last meeting asking that an dection be called in the eastern end of district No. 4 to vote upon the proposition to form a road tax district, and filed another of the same tenor,

Moved, seconded and carried, that Mrs, Lovine Dixon and children be placed on the pauper list at \$10 per month for four months.

The following report and agree ment of A. B. Tucker and R. W Wilkins was presented and approved by the board:

To the County Commissioners of De Soto County, Florida.

Final report on work of grubbing and clearing of the right of way of the roads of the Punta Gorda special road and bridge district.

Under contract R. W. Wilkins had cleared 40 per cent, of the right of way and had grubbed 97 per cent, of same, when on November 16, 1915, the said contractor failed to continue the work, and the same was taken over by the commissioners and was continued under the management of the overseer (A. B. Tucker), of the third commissioners' district.

Original contract price ....\$10067.47 Paid Wilkins as per esti-

Paid laborers for October

work for Wilkins ..... 599.40

Balance to complete work

November 16, 1916 .........\$1723.26 Expenditures for completion of the job by A. B. Tucker:

Labor as per vouchers ap Supplies, feed, etc. 164.00

Total .. .. .. .. ......\$1869.80 Credits for extra work:

Straightening line on Di-

vision No 10 .. ...... .. 48.00 Straightening line on Division No. 11 .. .. .. 32.10

Straightening line on Division No. 15 .. .. . . . . . 44.00

Total credits .. .. .. .. \$ 124.10

Balance chargeable to Wilkins job .. .. .. .. ......\$1745.70 Recapitulation:

Amount expended to com-Amount available to com-

plete job .. .. .. 1723.26

Chargeable against Wil-

kins ..... \$ 22.44 This job is now complete, and all bills chargeable to the county of De-

Soto are paid. As changes have been made in two instances of the route of the road 5, Punta Gorda Special Road and since the contract was signed, both with the consent of the contractor. who agreed to accept the change without additional compensation, and both places proved to add very materially to the work, more than the original would have been, I therefore ommend that the above amount of \$22.44 be allowed as a partial compensation for the additional work, and that the contractor and his bondsmen be and are bereby discharged.

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of October, 1916. A. B. TUCKER, Overseer. I do hereby concur and agree with this report, and beg your indulgence in this request as stated. Respectfully,

R. W. WILKINS, Contractor, By motion, second and carried, the bid of A. P. Hatch for hard surfacing on division No. 1, of the Punta Gorda special road and bridge district at \$1.55 per cubic yard delivered on the road, be accepted, and the attorney be instructed to prepare contract

The clerk was instructed to advertise in the Arcadia Daily News for bids for the construction of wooden bridges in special road and bridge district No. 5. specificfiations for which are on tile in the office of Phil Lacey, engineer Zolfo, Fla., and the board reserving the right to reject any and all bids, and requiring a certifled check for \$300 to accompany each bid.

By motion, second and carried, the petition of E. C. Thornhill and eleven others, asking that a public road ac established, as follows: Beginning where the half mile line of section 13, township 25, and range 35 crosses the Wanchula and Crewsville public road and run south on said line to latersect with the Zolfo and Reuben Wingate public road, then east on said road one-half mile, then south on section line to Zolfo and Crewsville public road.

Miss Allie Stribbling, county home lemonstration agent, appeared before the board in behalf of an exhibit to be made by the club girls of the county on October 18th, and requested that an appropriation of \$25 be made by the county commissioners in this behalf. Upon motion of D. L. Skip per, seconded by W. G. Welles, and unanimously adopted, her request was granted, and a warrant for \$25 was ordered to be drawn on the general fund of the county for the amount.

Moved by W. G. Welles, seconded by W. M. Whitten and unanimously carried, that the petitions asking that a road survey be made in certain parts of districts 2, 3 and 4, in the interest of a road bond district proposed to be voted upon, and the pe tition of R. F. Lewis and others filed with the clerk of this board on September 30th, and asking that a road bond election be called in certain parts of districts 2, 3 and 4, be laid on the table.

Correction of the registration list was then begun.

Thursday, October 5th, 1916. The correction of the registration list was then completed, and the following names removed:

H. P. Porter, J. R. Sandlin, F. S. Strobhar, M. V. Williams, W. P. Downing, D. Massman, T. G. Wilkison, W. C. Cassady, William G. Crews, John Skipper, Frank Delrio, J. A. Hendry, P. H. Honoh, C. C. Heasley, J. B. Huffman, J. B. Kimball, T. A. Livington, N. G. Lang-ford, E. F. Ley, Sr., J. O'Neal, J. S. Padgett, Jim Potter, J. A. Rentz, A. H. Strickland, R. E. Smedley, G. S. Tippins, C. B. Ward, J. R. Craig. H. E. Anschutz, H. M. Bass, D. N. Barco.

A petition was filed asking that the name of Hon. Leslie Lewis be placed on the ballot in the coming election as a candidate for constable for the sev enth justice district. The petition contained 33 signatures.

A petition containing 48 signatures was presented asking that the name of G. L. Crews be placed on the ofproved and paid .. ........\$1705.80 ficial ballot for the November election, as a candidate for justice of the peace of the Avon Park district.

A petition containing 35 signatures was presented asking that the name of A. W. Sargent be placed upon the official ballot at the November election as a candidate for justice of the peace for district No. 14.

A petition was presented, containing 589 signatures, asking that the names of J. Turner Butler, Martin Caraballo, J. P. Clarkson, Frank Harris, Milton H. Mabry, Sr., and Will H. Price be placed on the official ballot at the November election as candidates for the effices of presidential

A petition containing 614 signatures was presented asking that the name of Honorable Sidney J. Catts be placed on the official ballot for the November election, as a candidate for the office of governor of the state of Florida.

Warrants: General, F. & F., Road. Special Road & Bridge District No. Special Road & Bridge District No. Bridge District, Charlotte Harbor Spe' cial Road & Bridge District, Arcadia

Drainage District.
By motion, second and carried, the board then recessed to meet again on Wednesday the 18th inst.

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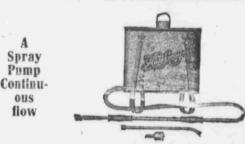
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